

Why was this so significant?



Significance: The Fifties

During the 1950's four major events happened that aided the Civil Rights Movement these are:

- **Brown Vs Board of Education- 1954**
- The murder of Emmett Till- 1955
- The Montgomery Bus Boycott- 1955
- **Little Rock, Arkansas- 1957**

Brown versus Board of Education

An important law case in the United States. This case was decided by the Supreme Court of the United States, which is the highest court in the US.

In Kansas, a black third-grade girl named Linda Brown had to walk more than a mile through a railroad switchyard to get to her school for black children, even though there was an elementary school for white children less than seven blocks away. Her father tried to get her into the white school, but the principal of the school refused. Twelve more black parents joined Oliver Brown, Linda's father, in trying to get their children into the white elementary school. Even though it was said that the two schools were both equal, this was not true. As the principal refused to allow their children into his school, a legal case was made. The case won and it was made illegal for there to be separate schools for blacks and whites.

Impact??

The Little Rock Nine

- The Little Rock Nine was a group of nine African American students enrolled in Little Rock Central High School in 1957.
- Their enrolment was followed by the Little Rock Crisis, in which the students were initially prevented from entering the racially segregated school by Orval Faubus, the Governor of Arkansas.

LITTLE ROCK CENTRAL HIGH



RAY

ROBERTS

PATTILLO

THOMAS

WALLS



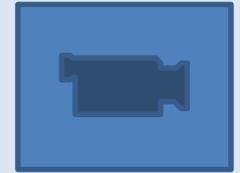
MOTHERSHEAD

BROWN

ECKFORD

GREEN

Case Study: Watching for a purpose



Think back to your first day at school. How did you feel? Compare your feelings to those of the Little Rock Nine.



Watch the YouTube link & Make notes on the Little Rock 9



[Youtube Link](#)
[Click](#)

Aim for at least 6 key facts that you should memorise

Task Time - Copy The 4 Questions & Answer in full sentences



1. What does 'segregation' mean?
2. Why are the white people so angry?
3. Why are there soldiers in this photograph?
4. What is Elizabeth Eckford thinking?

Extension

Using a post-it, write down one fact that you can recall about the 'Little Rock Nine'.

- [https://www.facinghistory.org/sites/default/files/Elizabeth Eckford.mp3](https://www.facinghistory.org/sites/default/files/Elizabeth_Eckford.mp3)

By the end of this lesson, I will be able to...

...explain how a piece of evidence from a source proves a point I've made

...evaluate the usefulness of several sources

...prioritise some sources that are more useful than others

Main Activity

We will analyse
six sources
about the events
at Little Rock
Central High
School in 1957.



By the end of this lesson, I will be able to...

...explain how a piece of evidence from a source proves a point I've made (Level 5).

...evaluate the usefulness of several sources (Level 6).

...prioritise some sources that are more useful than others (Level 7).

Source 1

"Little Rock was extremely important to the success of the Civil Rights Movement. The events were covered by the media in the USA and across the globe. It caused huge embarrassment for President Eisenhower."

Professor Michael Rowe, 1999

Source 2

Even though the events were broadcast live on television in America, many white people's beliefs didn't change. The students tried to go to school in 1957, yet white students were accused of racism at the school until well into the 1970s.

Wikipedia, 2014

Source 3

Just a few months after the terrible events, one of the 'Little Rock Nine' was suspended from school. Many white students created cards saying 'One down, eight to go...'

Eyes on the Prize (TV documentary), 1988

Source 4

Bill Clinton, a former US President and Governor of Arkansas (where the school was) went to the school in 2007 and praised the 'Little Rock Nine'. He said that they "climbed the steps of this school and moved the entire USA."

Article from BBC News, 2007

Source 5

"I believe that the events at Little Rock in 1957 led to the beginning of a different America. It made people across the country feel that segregation, and the way black people were treated at the time, was wrong."

Shelby Steele (a journalist), 2007

Source 6

In the state of Arkansas (where Little Rock is), 35% of black students said they had been subject to racist abuse. In Mississippi (another State in the South), 65% of black students said they been racially abused by their peers at some point.

US Department for Education, 2003

How significant were the events at Little Rock Central High School in 1957?

Some would argue that Little Rock was not significant at all. This can be seen in Source ____ which says: “_____”.

This suggests that Little Rock was not significant because

_____.

Others would argue that Little Rock was very significant. This can be seen in Source ____ which says: “_____”.

This suggests that Little Rock was very significant because

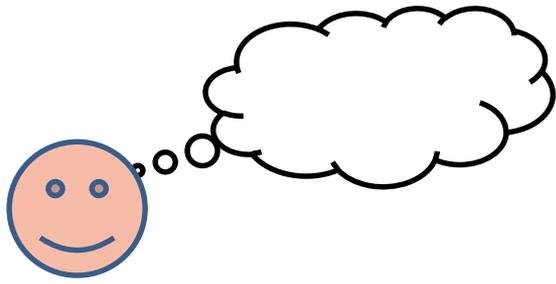
_____.

Overall I think that Little Rock was significant to a small / large extent. I think this because

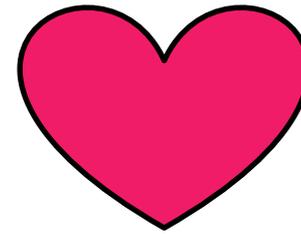
_____.

_____.

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d8Or8OB_rMzg
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ym8rdtq-KBE>

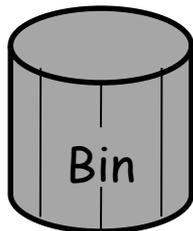


HEAD-something that
has made you think



HEART- something
that you have felt

BIN-something you did
not find interesting



BAG- something you will
remember and take away

